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Driven by private industry, members of the Rockford Area Aerospace Network (RAAN) meet regularly to discuss collaboration opportunities related to business climate, innovation, technology, and workforce development. Members have come together under a common purpose to support the growth of companies in the aerospace industry.

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IndustryWeek Continues Their Love Affair with Our Region

IndustryWeek features our region's customized education to workforce pipeline strategies as a differentiator from other communities

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RAAN Hosts 3rd Annual Aerospace Symposium

Learn about the latest Innovations happening in Aerospace and connect with Tier-1 suppliers and manufacturers on Thursday, April 26th.

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The RAEDC Goes to Springfield

"Being part of the IDN program has already benefited our region through grant funding for the AS9100 training and continues through the ability to access the DIA research database," says Jimi Kuborn.

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Every System Every Aircraft Needs Your Help!

Tell us how your company supports the bold statement that represents our region's Aerospace Industry - Every System Every Aircraft. RAAN and the RAEDC want to know what your aerospace capabilities include. Please, take 4 minutes to help us out.

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OUR REGION

Rockford Career College

Rockford Career College invites businesses to participate in an annual Career & Internship Fair on May 2nd. This event will host numerous employers/agencies to promote their part-time jobs, internships, and career opportunities to our students and alumni in a variety of fields.

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RRVTMA Scholarship Deadline Extended to April 1st

The Rock River Valley Tooling and Machine Association is offering five \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors graduating in Spring 2018.

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Regional Manufacturers Featured in Recent Northwest Quarterly

Manufacturing alone accounts for nearly one-fifth of all jobs in the greater Rockford area, making it the region's largest single economic sector. Add in the trade, transportations and utilities sector – services that support manufacturing and distribution – and you're talking about close to half of the region's workforce.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

RAAN Aerospace Symposium featuring Zunum Aero - Thursday, April 26

Connect with Tier-1 Suppliers & Manufacturers. Hear from Zunum Aero, the creators of the first hybrid electric aircraft. Learn about the latest Innovations happening in Aerospace. Sponsorship & Exhibition opportunities are available contact [Anna Garrison](#) for details.

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NIU EIGERlab Innovation Tuesday - Tuesday, March 13

The Corporate Refugee Start-up Guide: Presented by the author, David Gee, This guide has been created for people that have a burning desire to launch their own startup and have become disillusioned with working for traditional organizations.

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1 Million Cups - Wednesdays, 9 - 11 am

Entrepreneurs present their startup companies and learn how the community

can help their business flourish. These meetings are held on a weekly basis.
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ABOUT THE RAEDC

The role of the Rockford Area Economic Development Council (RAEDC) is to collaborate with regional stakeholders to cultivate opportunities for primary job growth that increase the economic well-being of our region. The RAEDC markets the region to attract new capital investment, while assisting existing business with resources for sustainable growth. The RAEDC works closely with many partners to improve the competitiveness of the region by taking what it learns from the region's employers and engaging the community in the daily work of economic development. As the economic development organization for the region, the RAEDC also serves as the area's data collection agency on all new capital investment, retained and created quality jobs, and renovated commercial/industrial space.